

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Location: Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room

Present: John F. Maher, Chairman
David Goode
Michael Quinn, Ph.D.
Joseph Weihs

The Committee Chairman, John Maher, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The first order of business was Mr. Maher providing an overview of current cable negotiations as to the three providers. He indicated that the Board of Selectmen had issued a preliminary denial of Comcast's request for an extension of their current license due to the lack of progress in negotiations, which Mr. Maher attributed to the recalcitrance and reluctance of Comcast to make reasonable efforts to address the Town's proposals and, in particular, the area of local-access capital needs. Mr. Maher observed that the Verizon negotiations are being scheduled but have not yet taken place.

With regard to the RCN license renewal he reported that there had been an agreement reached between the Town's negotiation committee and RCN's representatives. The Town Manager will be presenting and recommending approval of the license at the September 12th Board of Selectmen Meeting. Mr. Maher proceeded to go into considerable detail about the provisions in the license, which include two percent of gross revenues to be devoted to ACMI capital needs, video on demand, high definition, and the senior discount amongst other provisions. Mr. Maher asked that the Committee recommend to the Selectmen its approval.

Whereupon a motion was made by David Goode, seconded by Joseph Weihs, to recommend such approval, and it was unanimously voted.

Whereupon a motion was made at 6:25 PM by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Quinn, to adjourn and it was unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Maher, Chairman and
Clerk Pro Tem